Drinking water supply in Orissa

2703. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has unveiled five-pronged strategy for drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a centrally sponsored project; and

(d) if so, the action plan of the Centre to help the Orissa State to cover all the villages in the state for safe and guaranteed drinking water supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Full coverage of rural areas with drinking water facility

2704. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of areas which have been covered, partially covered, not covered with drinking water supply facilities under various programmes during each of last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the future plan of Government during the current plan period to achieve full coverage of rural areas with drinking water supply facilities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) The status of coverage of rural habitations during the last three years State-wise under various programmes for rural drinking water supply is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Rural drinking water is one of the components of Bharat Nirman, which has been conceived as a plan to build rural infrastructure in a 4 year period—2005-06 to 2008-09, and covers the last two years of the Tenth Plan. The plan of the Government under Bharat Nirman is to fully cover. 55067 uncovered habitations; and also to address the problems of slippage and quality.